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SUBJ: OIL DELIVERIES TO HUNGARY

1. IRANIAN CHARGE TOLD DCM JANUARY 5 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLANS TO SUPPLY HUNGARY WITH OIL. SAID IRAN HAD ALL CUSTOMERS IT COULD HANDLE AND DID NOT WISH TO SET PRECEDENT FOR SALE OF OIL TO OTHER EE COUNTRIES BY SUPPLYING HUNGARY. CHARGED HUNGARIANS WANT IRANIANS TO SUPPLY THEM WITH OIL AT LESS THAN WORLD MARKET PRICE AND OFFERED IN RETURN MEAT PRODUCTS WHICH IRAN NO LONGER NEEDED, HAVING FOUND SOURCES ELSEWHERE. WHEN IRAN WAS IN MARKET FOR MEAT LAST YEAR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOH BARGAINERS SAID HUNGARIAN MEAT WAS "OUR BLACK

GOLD" AND DEMANDED "EXORBITANT" PRICES. NOW HUNGARIANS ARE OFFERING LOWER PRICES BUT IRAN NOT INTERESTED.

2. CHARGE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SOVIETS HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY FIVE PERCENT MORE OIL TO HUNGARIANS IN 1975 AT SAME PRICE AS DURING PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN SOVIETS AND HUNGARIANS IN AGREEING ON TERMS FOR OIL DELIVERIES FOR FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD 1976-80. HE NOTED ALSO THAT HUNGARIANS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH LIBYA RE OIL DELIVERIES DURING RECENT VISIT OF LIBYAN DELEGATION TO BUDAPEST. GOH IS NOW MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS, HE SAID, TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON GOH MOST EFFUSIVE IN ITS WELCOME OF INDONESIAN PRIME MINISTER MALIK TO BUDAPEST LATE LAST MONTH, HOPING THEREBY TO CREATE FAVORABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE FOR ITS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF ACQUIRING NEW SOURCE OF OIL BEGINNING NEXT YEAR.
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